

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masahiro KOYAMA et al.
Serial No.: Rule 53(b) of U.S. Application No. 09/398,776
Filed: March 31, 2004
For: DECENTRALIZED CONTROL SYSTEM FOR NETWORK
CONNECTION
Group: Not yet assigned
Examiner: Not yet assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 31, 2004

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.